Description: Communication Processes

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**Academic group:** INTOF

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**Student contribution band:** 1

**ASCED code:** 100705

**STAFFING**

Examiner: Barbara Harmes
Moderator: Carmel Barrett

**OTHER-REQUISITES**

Pre-requisite: Completion of Senior High School or Post Secondary Diploma or degree or equivalent or work experience in the country of origin. English language proficiency equivalent to IELTS Band 5.5.

**RATIONALE**

Since 1988 a need has been recognised nationally and within this University for communication skills prior to degree entry. The Preparatory Studies program of CLLT focuses on strategies basic to independent assignment writing habits. International students, whose learning strategies have previously been acquired in languages other than English, need to adapt their previous knowledge to the range of performance strategies in communication skills expected by higher education institutions in Australia.

**SYNOPSIS**

In the course students analyse an assignment question and follow a series of steps towards completing a report and an essay. Note making from texts, scripts and video develop reading and listening skills. Comprehensible communication of a theme in academic english is required by the course.

**OBJECTIVES**

At the successful completion of this course, students will be able to perform the following tasks in English:

1. demonstrate technical skills associated with written communication for academic purposes;
2. develop and organise ideas and write an essay using an expository style;
3. prepare a stylistically appropriate report;
4. employ styles of communication as appropriate for the demands of the audience and purpose of the writing.

**TOPICS**

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<td>6. Writing in style: essay and report</td>
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**TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED**

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Communication Processes Study Book, Introductory Book and Selected Readings
UNP7320 study package available from USQ bookshop.

**REFERENCE MATERIALS**

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

The Study Book contains a list of recommended reference materials.

**STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS**

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1 Attendance requirements:
   Students are required to attend at least 80% of the scheduled class sessions and ensure
   their attendance is registered with the staff member in charge of the activity. It is the
   students' responsibility to access information regarding course-related activities and
   administration.

2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To satisfactorily complete an assessment item a student must achieve at least 50% of
   the marks or a grade of at least C-. Students do not have to satisfactorily complete each
   assessment item to be awarded a passing grade in this course. Refer to Statement 4
   below for the requirements to receive a passing grade in this course. All assignment
   items must be received prior to the start of the examination period for the semester in
   which the course is offered. Students may be required to resubmit an assignment that
   is unsatisfactory.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
   If students submit assignments after the due date without an approved extension of time
   then a penalty of 5% of the total marks available for the assignments may apply for
   each day late.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must attempt all of the summative
   assessment items, achieve at least 50% on the examination and at least 50 % of the total
   weighted marks available for the course. Students who do not qualify for a Passing
   grade may, at the discretion of the Examiner, be assigned additional work to demonstrate
   to the Examiner that they have achieved the required standard. It is expected that such
   students have gained at least 40% of the total weighted marks available for the course.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate
   of the marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6 Examination information:
   The examination in this course is a Closed Examination. Candidates are allowed to
   bring only writing instruments into the examination.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
   Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held within one
   month following the current examination period by arrangement with the examiner.
University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

1. Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within 24 hours if required by the Examiner. In accordance with the University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must score a B grade to be eligible for a recommendation of direct entry to an undergraduate degree.